

## 1. Monthly highlights. (five points, not necessarily birds)

1. The Rt. Rev. David Hawkins, Bishop of Barking, was appointed President of BBFO
2. One new species of Moth for the island – Early Grey
3. Good numbers of birds trapped on the 31st
4. Ben Porter (11), the farmer's son, provided an extra pair of eyes (out performing the island staff)
5. Several 'littoralis' Rock Pipits identified



2. **Weather.** Give brief summary of weather details. Generally dry but frequent strong winds.

3. **Ringing** number of birds ringed during month (excluding pulli). 302 Birds of 15 Species

Top three species Full Grown 1st..188 Goldcrest...2nd..62 Chiffchaff...3rd..23 Willow Warbler

**Unusual Ringing activity** 1 Snipe

4. **Main Movements****Dates and Numbers**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wood Pigeon 13, Sky Lark 20
- 14<sup>th</sup> Whimbrel 17,
- 15<sup>th</sup> Manx Shearwater 1, Merlin 1, Water Rail 1, Whimbrel 8, **Grey Plover** 1, Jack Snipe 1 (until April), Ringed plover 1, Sand Martin 4, Pied, Wagtail 20, Chiffchaff 1
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sparrowhawk 1, Wheatear 3, **Tree Sparrow** 2, Lesser Redpoll 1
- 17<sup>th</sup> Snipe 10, Collared Dove 1, Swallow 1, Hooded Crow 1, Siskin 1
- 18<sup>th</sup> Meadow Pipit 115, Rook 1, Carrion Crow 24, Hooded Crow 1
- 19<sup>th</sup> Great Tit 1, Chaffinch 19, Greenfinch 1, Siskin 4
- 21<sup>st</sup> Purple Sandpiper 45
- 22<sup>n</sup> Sparrowhawk 2
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Great Tit 3
- 25<sup>th</sup> Red-throated Diver 4
- 26<sup>th</sup> '**littoralis**' **Rock Pipit** 3, Black Redstart 1, Chiffchaff 12
- 27<sup>th</sup> '**littoralis**' **Rock Pipit** 1, Chiffchaff 16, Goldcrest 19
- 28<sup>th</sup> Chiffchaff 16, Willow Warbler 1
- 29<sup>th</sup> Red-throated Diver 3, Kittiwake 35, Chiffchaff 1
- 30<sup>th</sup> '**littoralis**' **Rock Pipit** 2
- 31<sup>st</sup> Sparrowhawk 2, Kestrel 1, Merlin 1, Black Redstart 1, Wheatear 20, Ring Ouzel 1, Blackcap 4, Chiffchaff 85, Willow Warbler 32, Goldcrest, 220, **Firecrest** 4, Rook 1, Carrion Crow 27, Starling 20, Greenfinch 1, Goldfinch 1, Lesser Redpoll 1

5. **Notable absentees and species well below normal strength.**

Most birds below normal levels until the last day of the month

6. **Give early or late dates for your observatory**

Good numbers of early Whimbrel

7. **Rarities** Interpret rare fairly liberally for your observatory

Grey Plover 1 on 15th

'littoralis' Rock Pipit 3 on 26th, 1 on 27th, 2 on 30th

Tree Sparrow 2 on 16th

Firecrest 4 on 31st

8. **Sea Passage.** List notable movements with dates9. **Other news, notes, requests for help etc.**

Richard Brown was appointed as the Assistant Warden for the 2008 Season. He will be joined by Richard Else as the Manx Shearwater researcher for the year.